

ALMS-HOUSE.

SECTION 1. The county commissioners for Frederick county, at their first meeting in January in each year, shall appoint five discreet persons, inhabitants of said county, to be Trustees of the Poor for Frederick county, from and after the first Monday of February then next ensuing.

2. The clerk of said county commissioners within ten days after such appointment, shall make out and deliver to the sheriff of said county a certificate of the appointment of each of said trustees, endorsing one of said certificates for each of them respectively, and the sheriff shall within six days thereafter deliver one of said certificates to each of said trustees.

3. The trustees when notified of their appointment, shall each, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars, accept the said office, and they shall meet on the first Monday of February thereafter, (unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability is removed,) at the alms-house of said county, and take the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear, that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as trustee for the poor of Frederick county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God."

4. The said oath shall be administered by any one of the trustees to the others, any one of whom being sworn shall administer the same to him.

5. In all cases of vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation, removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of the said trustees, the vacancies shall be filled by the county commissioners at their first meeting thereafter.

6. No member of the General Assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician, shall be obliged to accept of the office of trustee of the poor, or shall be liable to the penalty for refusing; and no justice of the peace, sheriff, or any one who has not the qualification to be a member of the General Assembly, shall be eligible as such, and no person shall be compellable to serve as such trustee in less than three years after serving or paying the penalty for refusing.